

PROGRAM

Being Thankful

Bobby Lancaster, Angela Mauldin, Don Steger
By: Elly Clary



From the Almighty to family to a pink dress and the lesson it taught, three Charlotte Rotarians presented what they are thankful for Tuesday. A common thread was Rotary.

For the "Being Thankful" program at Myers Park Country Club, Hank Donaghy introduced Bobby Lancaster, Angela Mauldin and Don Steger. Each lauded Rotary.

Lancaster: "I'm thankful to be a Rotarian. It's a wonderful thing to sit around a table and listen to everything from football and basketball to sons and daughters."

Mauldin: "I'm thankful Ron Kimble invited me to join this Rotary Club. Every Tuesday I learn so much in just an hour."

Steger: "I'm thankful for the privilege of visiting other places in the world and finding people who accepted me as a Rotarian. And it was because I was a Rotarian that doors were opened in some places for me."

Each expressed gratitude for other things, too.

Lancaster, greater Charlotte commander for the Salvation Army, shared that his mom and dad set a spiritual example for their nine children. And there was the YMCA director in Rocky Mount who gave him, his brothers and playmates opportunities they wouldn't have realized otherwise.

He praised the assembled Rotarians for friendship, love and commitment, and "for just being who you really are."

Finally, he added, "I'm thankful most of all for my Lord and Savior, who gave himself that I and others could have the abundant life."

Mauldin, procurement director at Johnson C. Smith University, was orphaned at 11 in Cleveland, Ohio. She knows her life would be dramatically different had her older sister not taken guardianship for her and her brother.

Because their parents had died, the Mauldin siblings scraped by without much money. She learned to esteem family.

A family situation taught another lesson. Preparing for a dance, Mauldin found a pink dress, shoes and purse that she coveted. Her older sister could afford only the dress and shoes. Mauldin wore the limited ensemble to the dance, "and I rocked it," she smiled. "I realized we're all the same and you do the best you can with what you have."

Steger was an assistant city manager of Charlotte and is senior pastor at Reeder Memorial Baptist Church. A former president of Charlotte Rotary, he's a 33-year member.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 3rd
Charlotte Country Club
District Governor
Luther Moore

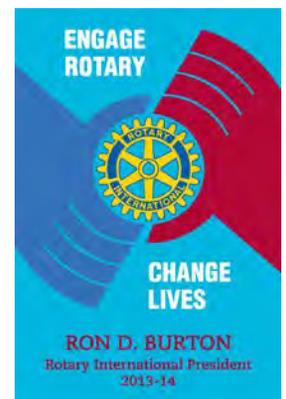
December 10th
CPCC's Harris Conference Center
Jim Blaine
State Employees
Credit Union

December 17th
Charlotte Plaza Hotel
Holiday Program

LUNCHEONS Time/Location

12:30 Tuesday
Charlotte Plaza
Uptown Hotel
201 S. McDowell

2013-2014 THEME



He appreciates that his mom and dad and even a military officer pressed him to get an education, which he did thoroughly, earning a Bachelor's, a Master's and a Doctorate. He also knows the importance of financial help.

He values diversity, and experiencing and understanding differences among people. Dissent is high on his list; it encourages him to reexamine his positions.

After praising wife Beth and expressing pride in his children, he closed as he started, commending fellow Rotarians.

"I'm grateful for you, my brothers and sisters in this Rotary Club," Steger said. "I know you. I've seen you in Krefeld, Germany; I've seen you in Amman, Jordan; I've seen you in Memphis, Egypt. I've seen you all over the world. I've seen the fellowship of Rotary.

"You did me a great favor by accepting me. You changed my life so much for the better."

Head Table: Benton Bragg, Jay Westmoreland, John Tabor, Hank Donaghy, Don Steger, Angela Mauldin, Bobby Lancaster;
Invocation: Pam Jefsen; Visitors & Guests: Don Carmichael; Health, Happiness & History: Tim Newman; Song: Angela Broome;
AV: Nikki Keith; Photos: Bert Voswinkel

CLUB NEWS

- **Mark Turner** relayed a touching message about his daughter's struggle with headaches, and how a few of her friends, Eagle Scouts, gathered in prayer to ask for God's healing hand. Was this a result of the positive influence of Scouting...possibly. It was Leadership and Reverence for sure. The message: acknowledge your blessing because there are many.
- Congratulations to Tori and **Doug LaBrosse** on the birth of baby boy, Edward "Hall" on November 13th.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance	<u>11/26/2013</u>	<u>11/27/2012</u>	Membership		New Members: Mahlon Pitts
Visitors & Guests	16	19	07/01/2013	316	
Club Members	140	163	11/19/2013	317	
Total Attendance	156	182	Net Increase	+1	Resignations: Bobby Sabates,
Percentage	49.5%				Shannon Young, Anthony Foxx, George Battle

Birthdays December 3 - 9

03 Steve Meckler 05 John Scharer
05 Don Carmichael 09 Elly Clary

Anniversaries December 3 - 9

05 Catherine and Bob Finley

CHANGES: MEETING LOCATIONS

The hotel is going through some renovations and will be working on the ballroom between Nov11 and Dec 11. Please make note of the changes in our meeting location.

December 03 – Charlotte Country Club
December 10 – CPCC Harris Conference Center
December 17 – BACK to the Charlotte Plaza Uptown Hotel

VOLUNTEERS – RESCUE MISSION CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

We are looking for volunteers for this year's Christmas Breakfast at the Charlotte Rescue Mission

Please call or email Liz Irwin of your interest.
liz.irwin@thedolancompany.com 704-247-2913



SIGN UP: RINGING ON THE SQUARE



On behalf of Major Lancaster with the Salvation Army and fellow Rotarian Stephanie Hinrichs, Mark Norman provided three opportunities to make a difference in the life of someone.

1. Volunteer to ring the bell on the square (contact Mark Norman: mark.norman@jwu.edu)
2. Make a personal contribution to the Red Kettle located by the check-in area during of our next 3 meetings, or to the Online Red Kettle <http://www.onlineredkettle.org/CharlotteRotary#> .
3. Grab one of the Red Solo Cups on the table and take it home, to work or to your next social event. Collect cash and bring it back to Rotary next week or the following.

RED CROSS SENDING CARDS TO OUR VETERANS



Thanks to Angela Broome, our club will be participating in sending cards of thanks to our veterans overseas. Visit the table available at the November 26th and December 3rd club meetings.

FOUNDATION: BANQUET NOTES

Last week, John reported on some of the highlights from the District Foundation Dinner.

- ① District approved **20 grant projects** from the largest pool of grant money ever.
- ② Kilimanjaro Fundraising **exceeded \$20,000** and with the Gates match means **\$60,000** towards fighting Polio
- ③ **Our District led the contributions** of the Zone-wide Million Dollar Dinner (15 Districts) with contributions of **\$417,000 in cash** and **\$460,000 in Bequests**
- ④ There were **428** new or increased level Paul Harris Fellow's this year

- 5 Our District has **101 members of the Paul Harris Society**, who contribute \$1,000 or more every year
- 6 The District's Bequest Society **grew by more than \$1,100,000** since last year's dinner

CRISIS ASSISTANCE

Bring your slightly used clothes to our next meeting.



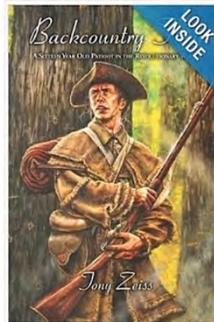
LAST DAY NEXT WEEK

CHARLOTTE ROTARIANS

President John highlighted two of our members...

Tony Zeiss was awarded the Gold Medal by the Military Writer's Society of America

Marilynn Bowler chaired the 25th Charlotte Hornets Anniversary last Tuesday



GOOD FELLOWS and GOOD FRIENDS

Good Fellows and Good Friends are two great organizations that help families when all other emergency resources have been exhausted. Good Fellows (men) was started in 1917/1919 and 5 Charlotte Rotarians were part of that group. Good Friends (women) was started in 1987 and Charlotte Rotarian Catherine Browning was part of four women that organized that group.

Upcoming Luncheons: **Good Fellows**
 Wednesday, Dec 11th
 Charlotte Convention Center

Good Friends
 Thursday, Dec 12th
 Charlotte Convention Center

Would you like to attend?
 Or have questions? See

Biff Virkler

Catherine Browning / Terri DeBoo

Learn more and be part of these great organizations. They are great organizations that meet just once a year and help folks all year long.



